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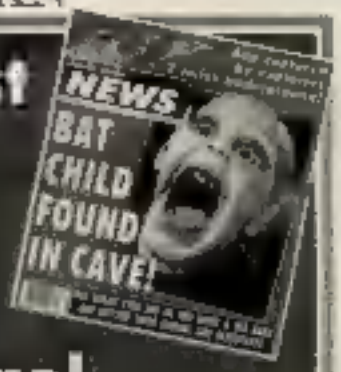

# BAT CHILD ESCAPES!

He's 2-feet-tall and VERY DANGEROUS, warn police

In a moment of spine-chilling horror, these machine gun-toting rangers slaughter an entire herd of mighty elephants in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park. And as ghastly as the massacre seems, wildlife officials say that it's the only solution to a bizarre problem: While the beautiful beasts are an endangered species in Africa, in Zimbabwe herds have grown to the point where they no longer have enough to eat — and some must be shot to keep the others from starving.

# Evil hotel owner sold pretty young brides as love slaves!

**TRIPOLI, Libya — A wealthy hotel owner has been charged with kidnapping hundreds of young brides from his honeymoon inn — and selling them into slavery!**

Police say Gabriel St. Juste, 58, made a fortune killing the women's husbands, then dragging the brides and selling them to rich old men in the Middle East.

"We have records that indicate a total of 314 couples were reported missing after they left on their honeymoon trips to Libya," said Inspector Alphonse Rimaud of the Tripoli police.

"The young honeymooners came from Sweden, Yugoslavia and Finland.

"These were not wealthy couples. They were ordinary workers who were attracted to Tripoli on a special package tour. We have no trace of the victims since they left their homelands."

Police say they were alerted to St. Juste's activities after a young Swedish woman escaped from slave traders and made her way to Israel and freedom.

The unidentified 19-year-old was unharmed, but her husband, 25, was killed, police said. The escapee told horrifying tales of imprisonment and abuse, Inspector Rimaud said.

She described being chained to a post during an auction in which Arab brokers bundled the blonde hostages and argued over prices.

## He offered cheap packages to loving honeymooners!

Investigations into records of the Kissing Kitty Kat Inn owned by St. Juste show that 1,426 European couples have stayed at the hotel over the past 10 years. Of these, 314 are missing, police said.

"We think he met the couples with his hotel limo, bypassed customs and brought them directly to the inn," Inspector Rimaud said. "If the bride was pretty and blonde, she was doomed.

"St. Juste or his helpers drugged the couple and did away with the husband. The bride then vanished, spirited away to spend the rest of her life serving some Arab sheik."

Police say they have uncovered evidence that St. Juste disposed of bodies in the Mediterranean, several miles off shore from his seaside inn.

The girls were transported by boat along the coast of Africa then loaded on private planes and flown to the Middle East.

"We believe that we have enough evidence to put St. Juste in prison for a long time," said the inspector.

## Stumble Bum!

Schoolgirl Darlene Allen died of a broken neck — when she tripped over a boot who had passed out on a playground.

The 9-year-old girl had gone to school playground in Brisbane, Australia, and was romping with her brother when she stumbled

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# LANDLORD EVICTS MOM WHO GAVE BIRTH TO 12 BABIES AT ONE TIME!

BACK in the news Christina Norberg made headlines last May when she gave birth to 12 healthy babies. Now the young mom and her brood have been kicked out on the streets by a hardhearted landlord.

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Staff writer

**Christina Norberg made world headlines when she gave birth last May to an incredible 12 healthy babies.**

Now she's back in the news again — after her family was evicted because her screaming babies drove her landlord nuts.

"It was a heartless thing to do," says Christina, a pretty 32-year-old blonde married to an Aarhus, Denmark, economist.

"We're desperate."

Landlord Eric Kronborg has refused to comment on the eviction.

## 'He said the kids cried all the time and it drove him crazy'

The Norborgs say they had only just settled their dozen infants into the three-bedroom rental home when Kronborg began to complain about the commotion the babies caused.

A month later he formally notified them they would have to leave their rental home by August.

Now homeless Christina and her husband Ritt are staying with relatives in Aarhus, where Ritt works as an economist.

But the couple say their giant brood is putting a strain on family relations and they are frantic for a house of their own.

"We've been overloaded with work since the babies came and now things are much more difficult," says brave Christina, an American raised in Lexington, Ky.

"Without a place of our own, we can't organize, we can't plan. There's no room for us all here. Our babies have to sleep in shifts, my in-laws are going crazy. We just don't know what we're going to do.

"The landlord kicked us out because of the noise our children made. He said the babies were driving him crazy crying all the time.

"But we couldn't help it that our babies cried — all infants do. There should be a law against depriving us of our home at a time like this."

Following the babies' arrival home from the hospital the Norborgs had put their seven girls and five boys on a rigid schedule and organized neighbors and relatives to help them feed the bouncing brood.

But their careful planning fell apart with their eviction when they moved across town to live with Ritt's parents.

Now Christina and Ritt — who has taken a leave of absence from work — are bleary-eyed and exhausted from constant baby care.

"A lawyer friend of ours says we should sue Mr. Kronborg for causing us emotional and financial distress," Christina said. "But all I want is a return to normal.

"I hope publicity about our situation will encourage some kind person to come forward and offer us a 4-bedroom house for rent. We can't afford too expensive a place because the kids are eating us out of house and home but we'll be prompt with our rent and deeply grateful to anyone who can help us."

## Man posing as shrink commits 34 to the nut house!

**Phony shrink Gerhard Pfander had 34 people committed to a mental hospital — before officials learned he was a post office messenger posing as a psychiatrist.**

Pfander was unmasked when hospital officials found identification bearing his real name and confronted him. "I got away with it by using a lot of complicated jargon that nobody understood," admitted the imposter.

Pfander, 26, from Flensburg, Germany, received a suspended sentence for impersonating a doctor.

# Wife says she'll sue her hubby — for getting fat!

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

**Fed-up wife Angela Cartwright says she's suing her husband for breach of promise — because since their marriage five years ago he's become a fat slob!**

The Tulsa, Okla., woman says Tom Cartwright was a fitness freak when she met him and she thought he'd stay that way for the rest of his life.

But after their marriage he let himself go — gaining 140 pounds, losing all his muscle tone and endangering his health by smoking and wolfing down junk food and beer.

"He was good-looking when we met, a real hunk," recalls Angela, 31. "He was always working out, jogging, bicycling and such. He ate nothing but fruits, vegetables, fish and grains.

"He looked so great, I was attracted to him because of that. But now that he's overweight and out of shape he makes me sick. I find him repulsive and he just doesn't seem to care."

Angela says she has consulted several attorneys and they tell her she can sue her mate for breach of promise.

She says the lawyers concluded that Tom's excellent appearance when they met led her to expect that he would always keep himself in good condition.

They say there was an implied contract between Angela and Tom that they would both remain attractive and well-groomed and that Tom broke it when he let himself go to pot.

Angela, who is living apart from her architect husband

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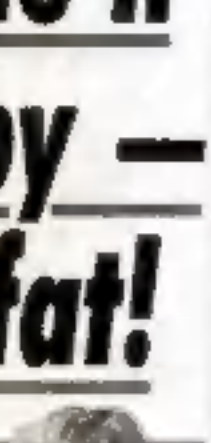
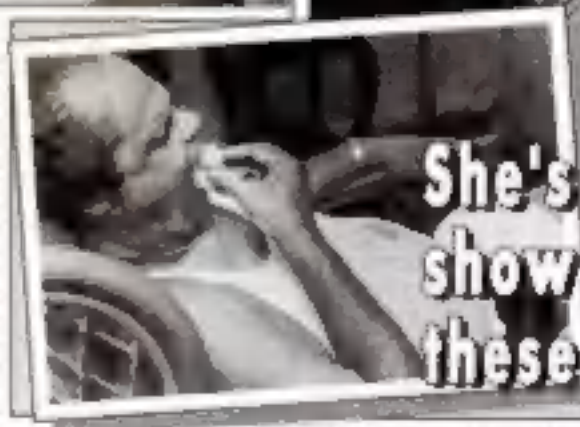


"He was a hunk when I married him but now he's just a slob"



She's going to show the judge these pictures

ANGELA snapped these photos of her tubby hubby and says she's going to use them in court to prove her point.

exercises by daily workouts, swimming and attending a jazzercise class three times a week. She is slim, energetic and youthful-looking.

But Tom looks decidedly older than his 35 years. The

## Dee-lieve it or not!

If all the boys in the United States were divided equally, every man, woman and child in the country would get

holding hubby has a beer belly, and he has a three-pack-a-day smoking habit.

"Since I married Angela, I've relaxed — I admit it," he said. "But doesn't everybody sort of let go once they find a mate? I feel like I shouldn't have to keep working out like an Olympic contender once I've found someone who loves me for what I am, not for what I look like. I'm not going to go on some sort of grueling shape-up routine just because she thinks I ought to. And I don't think her suit will get anywhere in a court of law."

Experts say they're looking forward to knowing the outcome of Angela's lawsuit. A favorable ruling for her would have a tremendous impact on the field of family law, they say, and force couples to consider keeping themselves in shape as a fundamental responsibility

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# BAT BOY ESCAPES!

A half-human "bat boy" that was captured in West Virginia last spring has escaped from the research facility where he was taken for observation — and is still running free!

Zoologist Ron Dillon said the 2-foot, 10-pound creature was last seen in downtown Wheeling, on September 10. "In spite of his small size, the boy has razor-sharp teeth, the strength of an ape and should be considered extremely dangerous, the expert said.

"This is a tragedy beyond measure," continued Dr. Dillon, who has been studying the bat boy since his capture last May.

"This little creature is quick, powerful, and as much as I hate to say it, as vicious as a lion in the wild. If he feels his life is threatened, he will lash out without fear of consequences.

"We mustn't forget that this child evolved as a cave dweller and knows nothing about our society and civilization.

"I hope and pray that we are able to capture him before anybody gets hurt."

As Weekly World News and other major media reported earlier this year, Dillon and his research team found the bat boy while studying subterranean life-forms in a cave near Seneca Rocks in the Shenandoah Mountains.

The experts subdued the creature with a tranquilizer injection and took him to a private facility in Wheeling to continue their observations.

At the time it was reported that the boy had large amber eyes that allow him to see in the dark, and sensitive ears that work like radar.

It was also noted that the boy, who appears to be three or four years old, consumed his weight in live insects every day.

"As time went on we determined that the boy possesses an intelligence rivaling that of the smartest chimps and apes," said Dillon.

"We felt like we were on the verge of learning how to communicate with him," he added.

By DACK KENNEDY
Correspondent

when he twisted the heavy steel padlock off his holding cell and escaped. The bat boy was last seen heading south and there's no telling where he will turn up next," continued the expert.

"He moves so quickly that I wouldn't be surprised if he was in Virginia or Kentucky by now."

Dillon refused to speculate on what might have caused the boy to flee the facility and flatly denied rumors that a drunk custodian beat the creature the night before he escaped.

The expert went on to say that he and his research team set traps in and around the mountain cave where the boy was originally captured.

But at this late date, it's highly unlikely that he will return to it.

Dillon said that he has warned authorities across the country to be on the lookout for the creature.

Given enough time, he explained, the bat child could turn up anywhere in the United States.

"Our task is all the more difficult because the bat boy moves by night and sleeps by day," said Dillon.

"It's a little like trying to spot a shadow on a cloudy, moonless night.

"The harder you look the less you see. That's what we're up against."

For more, turn to Ed Anger, page 17

## SPOT THE BAT BOY

If you spot the bat boy, Weekly World News wants to know about it. Drop us a line describing what and where you saw him, what he was doing and the direction he was traveling. By drawing on the resources of millions of devoted readers, The WWN can help authorities recapture this dangerous creature before anybody gets hurt. Many

# Victim lies to rapist: 'Stop, I have AIDS' — but he says 'I do too!'

By SAMUEL FOSTER, Correspondent

**In a desperate attempt to frighten away a rapist, a young woman told him she had AIDS, but the brute raped her anyway — because he already had the disease!**

The horrible story unfolded when the woman was attacked by a knife-wielding masked man in her basement apartment outside Paris, France.

In her testimony at her attacker's trial, the rape victim, an attorney, recalled her terror when she discovered a strange man lurking in her apartment. Since he was armed, the young woman knew she couldn't fight him off.

Instead, she tried to outwit him by telling him she had AIDS, little knowing how useless her pathetic lie to defend herself would turn out to be.

"I felt my AIDS story was working and had put him off, but he said he would take the risk," the young attorney recalled.

She described the horror of the rape — and an even greater horror that came after the rape was over.

"Afterward I told him, 'I really do have AIDS,'" she said.

"He replied: 'So have I.'"

Police later arrested Henri Fleur, 36, and charged the creep with three rapes, two attempted rapes, four indecent assaults, a burglary with intent to rape, a burglary with intent to steal and with robbery.

All the crimes allegedly have occurred since 1988 when a fiend known as the Midnight Prowler roamed the streets.

Fleur denied his crimes, but police were convinced he was the Midnight Prowler. After a lengthy trial, a judge agreed, sentencing Fleur to life in prison.

Meanwhile, Fleur's admission to his victim that he carried the AIDS virus ruined the young lawyer's life.

Friends say she is convinced she now has AIDS.

"She lives in fear that any day she will come down with the AIDS symptoms," said a friend who asked not to be identified.

## Cow beepers wow farmers!

Japanese dairy farmers have a high-tech way of calling the cows home: They simply dial a beeper implanted from the animal's neck, and the creature heads straight to the barn for his evening meal.

This barnyard breakthrough was developed at the Shimane Prefectural Animal Husbandry Experiment Station. It should be available in the U.S. early next year.

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# Human vacuum cleaner chokes to death on a dish towel

## Teen would eat anything he could scoop up off the floor

By RITA REARDON
Correspondent

**A teenage human vacuum cleaner who gulped down rubber bands, paper clips, batteries and anything else he found on the floor, choked to death on a dish towel he had tried to eat.**

Claude Duval, 18, got the cloth halfway down his throat, but couldn't swallow the whole thing, authorities say.

Although rescue workers desperately struggled to yank the towel out, it was lodged so deep in his throat that they could not extract it.

An autopsy after the boy's death revealed Claude had also swallowed a flashlight battery, rubber bands, paper clips, aluminum foil, tissues and candy wrappers.

"Claude was prone to picking things up from the floor and eating them," said Dr. Paul LaPierre in Marseille, France, where the tragedy occurred.

"There is no rational explanation. He just picked things up and swallowed them." Claude was being treated in a psychiatric hospital for his bizarre problem.

But the teen's father, Andre Duval, said his son had become more solitary and withdrawn since he entered the facility.

Hospital workers told an inquest that Mark was like a human vacuum cleaner who regularly gobbled up trash and objects he found on the floor.

They said on the day he died, Claude staggered out of the kitchen area with a dish towel hanging out of his mouth. Nurses rushed to his aid, but despite a 10-minute battle to remove the cloth, the teen died with the rag still in his throat.

### PERCHED POOCH

Tiny terrier named Brown-eyed Susan has a safe perch atop the head of her big buddy Strupe at a Canadian dog show in Toronto.

## Stalking suspect just wanted his chopppers back

The first man arrested under a new stalking law in Florida wasn't trying to terrify his old girlfriend — he just wanted to get his false teeth back!

When Mary Kirchhal booted Clare Gay out of the Fort Lauderdale house they shared for 18 years, she neglected to give him his chompers.

Gay kept hanging around, and 75-year-old Mary had him busted as a stalker.

All ended well when Mary returned the teeth and the 77-

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# SEX SATIONAL TRIVIA

## Put the zing back in your love life with these fun-filled facts

By SUSAN JAMISON
*Staff writer*

**The more you know about sex, the better it gets, experts say — yet most of us know surprisingly little.**

Here are a few fascinating facts about mankind's favorite pastime:

• Male sexiness peaks in September, which means that fall is an excellent season for man-hunters.

• Marijuana and powdered walrus tusks are rumored to be powerful aphrodisiacs, but neither one works, according to researchers.

• Most American babies are conceived in early October.

• Eighty-two percent of all American women say they are happy in bed.

• And 95 percent admit that they initiate lovemaking.

• Zinc and vitamins A, B and E are good for sex.

• Work is more important than sex to women workaholics, but man workaholics still put sex No. 1.

• The bad news: 10 percent of women have never had an orgasm.

The good news: 10 percent of women always have an orgasm.

• Doctors and business executives rate good sex as an important ingredient in happiness. Secretaries, teachers and farmers put it far down the list.

• Among the Hollywood hunks Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford and Tom Cruise, fans consider Gibson to have the "most kissable lips."

• Slimming down can increase sexual appetite and gaining weight can cause it to decrease, experts say.

• New York City is the metropolis where people make out the most in cars.

• Men and women who make love most often say, "I love you," every day.

• In ancient Greece men were supposed to get married but not live with their wives. They were allowed their wives only for procreation and were not permitted to watch male athletic events.

• Twenty-one percent of married women love to make love outdoors.

• The snugger you hug, the longer you are expected to stay in love. People who hug at arm's length are cold fish in bed.

• A good laugh in bed is the best way to stimulate sexual desire.

• Tanzania in East Africa has an accredited sex college where women who are "interested in new ways to welcome rich men" can learn how to be femme fatales.

• The average red-blooded American male prefers an Oriental woman as a bed mate, says a Playboy survey.

• Lovemaking can burn as many calories per minute as belly dancing or shoveling snow, eight calories/minute.

BIGGEST hot spot for car [illegible]

SMOOCH! Mel Gibson's kissable lips are his most lethal weapons.

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## Man murdered in cold blood — for laughing at love spat!

Rafael Salvi laughed out loud when a woman downed a stranger with beer — and got killed for his sense of humor!

The murder victim was using the urinal at a Miami nightclub when the incident occurred, cops say. All of a sudden, Salvi, 21, was hit by a woman who poured beer down his back. Salvi laughed and the dripping stranger went into a bathroom stall, took off his wet shirt and came out with pistol blasting. Salvi, 21, died of gunshot wounds. The killer ran off through the club's back door

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# HUMAN LIGHTBULBS

# Minnesota family still glows in the dark!

EXCLUSIVE PHOTO!

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK family: Marge Clayton, boy Terry and dad Frank.

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Special correspondent

**Frank and Marge Clayton and their little girl Terry glow in the dark like fireflies — and their skin is getting brighter by the day!**

Whenever it gets dark the Minneapolis family light up the room, and no one can explain what causes their strange affliction. The Claytons' bizarre story first appeared in the Feb. 18, 1992 edition of The *NEWS*, and the family's condition has since gotten worse.

"Actually Terry hurts my eyes," says Marge, 33, a housewife. "It's getting so bad I have started to wear sunglasses when I change her diapers. I'm afraid the light from her body will damage my eyes. She's always been brighter than me or Frank, but we're noticing up last. We haven't used an electric light in months.

"It's making it very hard to sleep at night. Even when I close my eyes I pick up the glow from Frank's skin."

The Claytons' weird problem appeared after the birth of baby Terry. Marge's normally pale complexion turned a ghostly white and her husband noticed that his skin had developed a sheen. A nurse in the delivery room told Marge that Terry was the whitest, brightest baby she had ever seen.

As the days passed, the family realized they were as white they glowed. People began to stare at them if they went out at night. The Claytons went through months of medical tests, but doctors found nothing to explain their glowing color. Environmental experts combed their home for substances that might explain the phenomenon and found nothing.

Over the months since the glow set in, the Claytons have grown steadily brighter. Today their skins are so luminous that the glow shows up even in sunlight. "People treat us like freaks," says Frank, who admits he's suffering depression over the bizarre plight.

## Serenading banned in Mexico!

Romance is no longer sacred in Mexico — because serenading your lover is now against the law.

Singing on the town of Hermosillo's verandas is punishable by up to 36 hours in jail. The custom was banned after people complained lovers' singing was disturbing their sleep.

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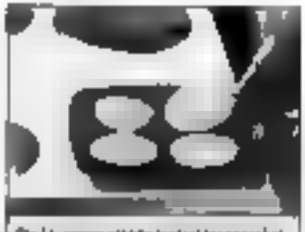

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# WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

*For a good time call Buckingham Palace . . .*

# DI WAS NEVER SHY — SHE TOOK HER FIRST LOVER AT 16!

DIANA was a teenage party girl who loved to peel off her clothes at wild pool parties.

**Princess Diana** — the most admired woman in the world — was a wild teenage party girl and no virgin when she married **Prince Charles!**

"Diana was very popular and it certainly was my assumption from everything I was told that she was not a virgin," says Ralph G. Martin, author of Charles and Diana.

According to Martin, Diana loved to take her clothes off and swim around in her scanties at pool parties.

And according to one diplomatic 36-year-old Englishman who wishes to remain anonymous, Di went to bed with him sometime after she dropped out of boarding school at the age of 16.

"I know the man's name," said an old friend of Sarah Armstrong-Jones, the Queen's niece.

"I know it at the connection that it has been mentioned she had a fling with him before Charles."

— *Penthouse*

★ ★ ★

**Jean-Claude Van Damme**, the Muscles from Brussels, kicks butt for a living, and he's ready to kick butt in his spare time, too.

"Some guys try to start fights with me, so I'm very attentive to what's going on around me," says Van Damme, who calls himself Van Damage.

"And when I walk into a room and they give me that look, I always say hello first.

"People are strange. If you're nice to them, they think you're scared.

"So I just walk away. But if a guy follows

MUSCLEMAN Jean-Claude Van Damme, left, kicks butt on and off the set.

me and if he touches me he's gonna watch the movie.

— *Outside*

★ ★ ★

The twenty pounds of fat Robin Williams shed for his role in Hook have come back to haunt the wacky comic.

"Robin puts on weight faster than a sumo wrestler when he's not in training," said one big-bird watcher.

"He's been working very hard to be kept the fat down, but now that he's relaxing his waistline is expanding on a daily basis."

— *London Sun*

★ ★ ★

Pete Rose, baseball's all-time hit man, is now a radio talk-show host, but the man they call Charlie Hustle is still a diamond junkie. "I'm 50 years old," says Rose. "I can't play anymore and I'm not interested in [illegible]. That's the truth. But I bet you I watch more baseball than anyone, listen to more baseball, follow it more closely than any fan. I'm the king of baseball."

— *Esquire*

★ ★ ★

**World's Hottest** broke the news way back in May of this year — the hemorrhoid plague sweeping Hollywood. Now waves of actress-hookers are wrecking the upper end of the L.A. prostitute trade.

"They come out here, and they say 'I'm going to acting school, they may say," says Detective Fred Clapp of the LAPD. "They wind up finding out that it's not easy to

## Jean-Claude does plenty of Van Damme — off the screen!

# HARD TIMES HIT HOLLYWOOD RUMROS

A blockbuster biography is everyone today's world – chronicle of tragic charity balls, off-key arc lovalties, rip-roaring feuds and fortunes. Now Dash [illegible]

become an actress, but it's easy to become a model if you want to model nude, and it's just a progression from there."

And Det. Clapp says forget about this being a victimless crime — for him, the hooker is the victim.

"I don't believe you can sleep with five different men a week for years and still have a healthy attitude toward sex," the vice cop says.

— *Cosmopolitan*

★ ★ ★

**Bill Cosby's** reputation is in deep jeopardy with his deadly dull version of Groucho Marx' classic game show You Bet Your Life. The his debut performance Cosby gives a dangerously long way toward making us forget that he is a talented standup comic and the force behind one of the most successful and influential TV series in history," writes one Windy City critic. "I have heard Pat Nejak, of all people, say funnier things than does Cosby in the premiere."

— *Chicago Tribune*

★ ★ ★

Diff'rent Strokes star **Todd Bridges** has found God since his 1990 acquittal on charges of shooting a drug dealer at a crack house.

"I realized that all the things I do have to be done to glorify God," said Bridges.

One of the things Bridges isn't doing anymore is cocaine — he hasn't touched the stuff in three years.

— *New York Post*

★ ★ ★

**Country boogaloo** Randy Travis has packed 18 pounds on his skinny frame — but it took two years to do it.

"I've really concentrated on trying to pack up some weight in the last couple of years," says Randy.

But Travis has such a high metabolism now it's hard for him to put on truth.

"I'm one of the few people on the road who have to continually eat to maintain my weight."

Some guys have delicious problems.

— *Lima Ohio News*

★ ★ ★

Veteran sportscaster **Pat Summerall** has a good word for everyone except All-Pro linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

"We played for the same team, the Giants, but I got disgusted with him," says Summerall. "He's very unresponsive. All we do is praise him. Maybe that's the problem.

"But he has no license to be an ass."

— *Chicago Sun-Times*

★ ★ ★

**Sylvester Stallone's** sinking career may hit rock bottom if his new flick Cliffhanger flops. Tinseltown vultures are ready to swoop down on Sly's carcass if and when.

"I think he's a diminishing asset," says one Hollywood scavenger. "With every film he does, he goes down a little further. He's the new Burt Reynolds."

— *New York Times*

★ ★ ★

**Willie Nelson's** multi-million dollar debt to the IRS weighs heavy on the minds of his fans, and the troubled troubadour wishes they would lighten up.

"It's like someone calling up to say they are sorry about the death of a loved one 11 years after the death," says Willie.

"I really appreciate the thoughts, but it's a little embarrassing when they send you money and don't leave a return address so you can send it back."

— *Los Angeles Times*

★ ★ ★

**Sean Connery** is wigged out! The sexiest man alive doesn't make a movie without getting new rugs from a London-based wiggery, and the two toupees Connery ordered for his new film, Rising Sun, have mysteriously disappeared. "Oh, dear, Mr. Connery will be very upset," said David Hamilton, manager of Wig Specialties, Connery has for 21 years. "He will be very unhappy if he has to wear an American replacement. It is generally known the wigmakers of London are superior to any in the world at the moment."

— *London Sun*

★ ★ ★

**Jane Fonda** as a slow learner — It took most of her life to learn to say "don't."

"I tried to years and knowing you could say 'Don't' do that to me. That makes me feel bad," recalls Jane ruefully.

"We always thought if we did that, he would love us."

USA TODAY

FANS say Madonna is vulgar.

# TINSELTOWN'S MOST UNWANTED: MADONNA

Add **Madonna** to Hollywood's Most Unwanted List. The Material Girl's movies don't make money.

"Madonna is simply vulgar and up there on the big screen, no costume or makeup or dialogue can hide it," complained another.

Referring to Warren Beatty and Dick Tracy, a Madonna scoffer put it this way: "If she couldn't cut it when she was type cast as an underhanded slut in a movie costarred by her boyfriend, she's never gonna cut it."

"Why does Hollywood keep honoring this woman's undercover?" asks one mad movie fan.

— *Moonshine*

JOKESTER Jay Leno doesn't stand a chance if he doesn't change his wise guy image.

# HOW JAY LENO CAN SAVE HIS LATE NIGHT BUTT!

**Is Jay Leno** too nice to survive the late night TV talk show wars? Critic Frazier Moore thinks so and suggests these changes to spice up the mix:

* Stop repeating jokes once or even twice for an extra laugh. It looks desperate and sounds as if the audience was too dumb to get the punchline the first time around.
* Scratch the lame live sketches. Leave satire to the experts on *Saturday Night Live*.
* Ditch the Branford Marsalis orch and sign up a Zydeco party band.
* Get a sidekick pronto and if she happens to be sharp and sassy, so much the better.

— *Associated Press*

COUNTRY crooner Willie Nelson owes the IRS millions.

# WILLIE NELSON TO HIS FANS: STOP SENDING ME MONEY!

# Make decisions in the morning — when you're sharp as a tack!

You should make your major decisions in the morning — because that's when your anxiety and depression levels are the lowest, says expert Dr. Neil Solomon.

"When people are anxious or depressed they aren't capable of weighing all the factors necessary to make the best decisions they're capable of," explained Dr. Solomon. "And since research shows that anxiety and depression levels are lowest in the morning, it's only sensible to make your important decisions before midday."

University studies have found that the body's internal clock regulates our systems in such a way that anxiety and depression are lowest at certain times of day, said Dr. Solomon, former assistant professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

The hours between 7 and 11 a.m. are the best times to make decisions, he said.

"And the period between 3 and 5 p.m. is the worst. The absolute best time to make a decision is 9 a.m. – and the absolute worst is 5 p.m. The midday hours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the late evening hours after 8 p.m. appear to be neutral times during which anxiety levels are neither exceptionally high nor low for most people.

"During those hours your natural body rhythms would neither help nor hinder your ability to make decisions," Dr. Solomon said.

# Here's How Millions Collect Social Security At Any Age!

Washington, DC - Special Report

Are you losing out on thousands of dollars in Social Security benefits every year that could be yours even though you're not age 65?

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- How to figure what Social Security owes you
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## After their sailboat sinks in the middle of the Pacific Ocean...

# GIANT OCTOPUS SAVES DROWNING COUPLE!

"We thought he was going to eat us," say Betty and Richard Carter. "But he saved our lives."

By PATRICK DEXTER
Correspondent

**A California couple whose sailboat sank in a storm were miraculously saved from drowning — by a 100-foot-long octopus!**

Betty and Richard Carter say the enormous sea beast with gentle, intelligent eyes rose out of the water, grabbed them in its tentacles and swam through giant waves toward their capsized life raft. They say he righted the raft and placed them in it, then slipped beneath the water once again.

"We thought he was going to eat us or something, but instead he came to help us," says Betty, 38, who was on the first leg of an around-the-world voyage with her husband when a Pacific storm swamped their boat. "There's no way we would have survived if it hadn't been for him.

"When he grabbed us in his tentacles, we started screaming and crying. Then, when he put us gently into the raft we were stunned. It wasn't some accident — he knew what he was doing. He rescued us on purpose."

Betty and Richard had set off on their year long trip, visiting Hawaii and were on their way to Fiji when a fierce typhoon surprised them in mid ocean.

The terrified couple were battered miles off course and minutes 35-foot waves crashed into their 46 foot sloop.

As their boat began taking on water, the Carters frantically gathered supplies and loaded their life raft.

But without warning an enormous wave smashed into the floundering sailboat before they could abandon it, overturning the raft and carrying it far out of reach of the desperate couple. The panicked pair waited up in the

**PHOTO** was found after the Carters and of the water and put them in to stay in the raft

storm tossed waves, expect not to drown any moment.

"There suddenly the water around us boiled and we saw these enormous tentacles about 20 feet thick and 80 feet long break the surface all around us," Betty said.

"The head of a huge octopus rose out of the water just like something from a horror movie.

"We were screaming and trying to get away, but the beast just plucked us out of the water and started swimming away with us.

"His slimy suckers were plastered against us and he held us very tight. We were nearly blinded by the wind and water but we could see the raft in the distance and after a moment we realized he was heading toward it.

"It was upside down, but when he got to it he turned it upright again and plunked us down in it. Then he swam off a ways and slipped back into the water.

"It was unbelievable."

The Carters drifted for three days before they were rescued by a passing freighter.

They were hospitalized briefly in Fiji for treatment of exposure and are now outfitting a new boat for the continuation of their journey.

Experts say giant octops do exist, but they are very rare and little is known about them.

## 99 out of 100 male rape victims don't tell cops they've been assaulted

More than 12,000 men are raped every year — but they

victims who sought treatment assaults were reported to police.

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says Dr Gary Lancaster of the University of Tennessee of

the estimated 1.8 million rapes or attempted rapes between

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# U.S. govt. to blame for letting Bat Boy escape!

**I'm madder than my bull terrier at a cat show over the *Weekly World News* front-page story this week.**

Just how in the hell do you let something as dangerous as this "bat boy" escape from a high security research facility? I'll tell you how — the U.S. government must be running it.

The late, great President Harry S. Truman must be turning in his grave at the numbskull idiots our once proud security forces have become.

The CIA, FBI and Secret Service aren't worth a pail of beans between them anymore.

Once those cockroaches got changed on in Russia our national defense forces went straight to hell, folks.

Nothing to worry about anymore, right?

Big time wrong, my friends.

Now we've got that "bat boy" on the loose and the bleeding heart liberals are already running out of the woodwork.

"We mustn't forget that this child produced in a cave dweller and knows nothing about our customs and civilization.

"I hope and pray that we are able to capture him before anybody gets hurt," wailed Dr. Ann Linton.

This Dillon dingbat is the eggbrain who was to charge in studying this little devil when he escaped near Wheeling, W.Va.

What Dr. Dillon doesn't tell you is that this two foot tall demon has teeth like Gillette razor blades and a tongue like a Weed Eater.

He's got eyes the size of ping pong balls that let him find you in the dark and a set of ears as big as a small starch or a mitt. That's so he can hear his prey running up to a mile away.

My sources in the Pentagon tell me the danger in NUCAL folks.

Now Dr. Dillon would have us believe that this creature, found deep in a West Virginia cave last May, eats about its lbs. of insects a day. Baloney! Look at the kid. If he runs out of bugs, midnighters pundles start to look awfully tasty.

What's next on the little beast's menu — humans? You betcha!

The scientists who were studying this "bat boy" when he made a run for it, swear he isn't one IQ point smarter than a shrimp.

Barbara and I've got a bridge to sell you. You can look at this thing and tell he's no dummy.

And if he's so stupid, why have authorities from coast to coast and particularly in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania been warned to be on the lookout for the thing?

I'll tell you why. He's mean as Lin Hickens and he ain't stupid. He may be the biggest threat in the U.S. since Hurricane Andrew. I'm going to keep my eyes peeled for this bat brat.

I suggest you do the same.

## MY AMERICA

By ED ANGER

**READERS** are warned to be on the lookout for a half-human bat boy that escaped from a West Virginia research facility. See page 5 for full details.

## Hay! It's a bug!

Things aren't always what they seem. This giant hay stack has been turned into an eye-popping display by a Missouri man, farmer with a sense of humor

# Amazing New Product Gives Crisp, Clear TV Reception WITHOUT Cable!

Until recently, the only convenient way to guarantee great TV reception was to get cable installed. But who wants to pay those irritating monthly cable fees just to get clear reception? Now, thanks to years of micro-electronic research, a new device has been developed that's so advanced it actually makes other antennas a thing of the past. It's called the SWEDA™ Power Antenna and is without a doubt "the single most important thing you should own if you have a TV!"

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## ■ THOUSAND FOOT ANTENNA?

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## WHAT ABOUT MY TV "DISH" ANTENNA?

[illegible] it! [illegible] things have been sold in recent years because people were led to believe they would work like a satellite dish. The truth is that they're no more effective than rabbit-ears, a loop, or rod antenna — and people have been [illegible]ling with [illegible] things for years! The incredible SWEDA™ Power Antenna makes everything [illegible] seem obsolete. [illegible] plug it in [illegible] it work. There's simply NOTHING ELSE better valued on the market today!

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# GRIEVING WIDOW WILL DIE IF SHE CAN'T STOP CRYING

## She's been sobbing since January 15 — the day her husband died!

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

**Grieving widow Martha O'Brien can't stop crying over the death of her husband seven months ago — and doctors warn she could die if she doesn't cheer up!**

The 44 year old Detroit housewife has been sobbing nonstop since January 15, when her husband William died of liver cancer.

"I want to stop, but I can't," sniffles Martha, whose eyes are red and swollen from her tears. "I just can't help thinking of Will . . . I miss him so much."

"And every time I picture his sweet face, it destroys me inside. I just break down. His death is the worst thing I've ever faced."

The weeping widow's family has taken her to three physicians and a psychiatrist, but no one has been able to dry her tears. And now doctors are worried that if she doesn't stop the wrenching sobs, she will die from the stress of her constant grief.

The grandmother of three has lost weight and aged considerably since her ordeal began. Doctors fear that if they cannot halt her crying she will eventually develop digestive problems, heart trouble or even diabetes.

"She's losing weight from the constant muscular activity of the crying and because she rarely eats," explained Martha's daughter Peggy. "She's here all the time and she's so exhausted she can't do anything but sit around. She never sleeps more than a few minutes at a stretch.

"We tried tranquilizing her, but she just cries softer. She'll sit for hours on end and cry. It's all she does!"

Peggy says she's planning to take her mother on a vacation, hoping the change of scene will snap her out of her tears.

The widow's doctors say there's a possibility that the trip will help, but they warn it also might backfire — adding enough strain to the worry-wracked woman's life to bring on a really serious illness.

Meanwhile, miserable Martha says she's willing to try anything just to cheer up and resume a normal life.

"I know that crying isn't going to bring my Will back," she says. "And I know it's ruining my life.

"I keep waiting for the day I'll feel better about things, but it just doesn't come. We're hoping maybe getting away from it all will do the trick."

Experts say there are no records kept on the duration of crying jags, but Mrs. O'Brien's nonstop sobbing is clearly extremely unusual.

**DAUGHTER** Peggy O'Brien wipes away Martha's tears and tries to console her.

## Men are pushing their wives out of the kitchen

Men and women are so proud of their newfound housekeeping skills that they're taking over the job of running the house, says an expert.

"With the women's movement encouraging men to cook, take care of the house and help with the kids, many men with take-charge personalities have decided housework is more their style than their wives," said psychologist Jack Lundy. "The result is that wives have been dethroned in their own homes."

The traditional roles of the husband as breadwinner and the wife as homemaker were upset when many more women began working outside the home. Husbands were then asked to take on more household responsibilities.

But the men, the pet peeves of the feminists, have taken over the house. "In over the last several years, more and more men have learned how to cook, do the wash, dress the kids and do everyday household tasks," said Dr. Lundy. "Many of these men became very good at what they did . . . and like women through the years, found satisfaction in doing these tasks.

running home to find a chicken in the oven and the laundry washed and folded. While they appreciate their husbands' efforts, deep down, most women feel that the home is their sphere to revel in, even if they go to work.

"At first the wife may question her purpose and her role within the family. But as a husband becomes more responsible in the home, the wife's initial fears are replaced by appreciation and joy.

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# Don't let your dog become king of your castle!

Treat your dog like a dog — and he'll obey you, says top trainer Bob Maida.

"Dogs are pack animals and they have a pecking order, and if you're not at the top of the pecking order, then there's going to be trouble," said Maida, who's trained dogs for many movies and TV commercials.

"If you fawn over your dog all the time, rubbing him all over and talking baby talk, he just thinks you're showing submissive behavior.

"The next thing you know, he's walking all over you. When a puppy is tiny his mother nips him and growls at him all the time.

"When he's older, so do other dogs in the same household.

"That's how he gets to know his place. You should do the same thing."

Here's how you should reprimand your dog, according to Maida:

● Speak in a low growling voice. Don't say "No!" in a loud sharp tone. He'll just think you're barking back at him because you're frightened.

● Look him straight in the eye to show your dominance.

● Show your teeth. The dog will think you're snarling and that's the language he understands.

● Never let the dog gnaw on your body with his teeth. This is dominant behavior. Licking is O.K.

● Don't let children discipline your dog. Your dog will resent it.

● Never hit the dog. If he's been extremely bad, grab him by the scruff of the neck and shake him. But if you have an aggressive dog, don't try this — get expert help to solve the problem.


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WRECKAGE of psychic's smashed rented car, left, is shown to police before it was towed away.

# Psychic killed in car wreck brings herself back to life!

WORLD EXCLUSIVE!

SUPER-PSYCHIC Maria Parani was featured in the September 8 issue of the World News

By BEATRICE DEXTER

**SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Hot super-psychic Maria Parani performed the most awesome mental feat ever recorded when she was killed in an auto wreck three weeks ago — and brought herself back to life!**

The 34-year-old Hungarian was pronounced dead at the scene of a three-car collision and her body was on the way to the morgue when she miraculously began to breathe on her own. Minutes later the psychic sat up on her stretcher and asked for some water.

She had no memory and no explanation for an event [illegible] hours — and then she [illegible] knew she was [illegible]. But Juan Ramos, the ambulance attendant who witnessed the incredible revival, said that [illegible] after the accident had all signs of life disappeared within an hour.

"She was calm and strong. I am the coward she woke up and was absolutely clear about it. She said, 'I have asked my self alive again, but don't be [illegible] of my mental [illegible].

Maria Parani was featured in the September 8 issue of the Weekly World News in an article describing her recent revival of the United States after the collapse of the government in her homeland. The grateful psychic promised WWN readers good health, wealth, happiness and recovery just by placing on [illegible] a photo of her brilliant brown eyes.

Even as hundreds of readers wrote us to tell of miracles they experienced after mailing in the psychic's help, news arrived of Maria Parani's terrible accident.

Officials say the young mother was driving just outside San Jose in the "American community" when her rental car was hit by a speeding drunk driver. The bleeding psychic was cut out of the wreck age by emergency medical workers, but by that time she [illegible] loaded her on a stretcher for transport to the city morgue and Ramos climbed into the back of the vehicle to investigate [illegible] her body.

"About 15 minutes into our trip I noticed that Miss Parani was breathing," Ramos said in [illegible] published in Costa Rican newspapers. "I couldn't believe my eyes. I felt for her pulse and where moments before there had been nothing, now there was a steady heartbeat.

"After a minute she started to thrash — and then she sat up and asked for water! I was astounded, but she was so [illegible] and so sure of herself that she calmed me down instantly. I felt no fear, only awe."

Doctors examined Miss Parani and found that she had suffered extensive internal injuries which had miraculously healed themselves. The psychic — who is now on her way to her home in New York — took a religious view of her experience. "God has blessed me with amazing powers and He obviously wants me alive so that

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# My two-timing mistress ran off with my wife!

### Confidential

*Dear Troubled Mom in Green Hall:* If a 17-year-old kid ever left home and barged in my face I'd wash out his mouth with soap — twice!

*Dear Miriam in Stimpit:* You can call me every name in the book but don't you ever, EVER, say anything bad about my daddy!

*Dear Grateful Gal in Oregon:* For new linoleum on your kitchen floor? You DO come cheap!

*Dear Perplexed in Stevens:* It's an ulcer but it sounds like a brain tumor to me.

*Dear Worried Bride in Chase:* If my mom brought a stun gun and handcuffs to bed I'd be married too!

*Dear Disappointed in Baldwin:* That's what you get for going grocery shopping in a thong bikini!

*Dear Anxious in New York:* Of course I have pictures of myself in the buff. Unfortunately, you aren't going to get one!

**Dear Dotti: You're not going to believe this but my mistress of three years has just run off with my wife! I wasn't even aware that they knew each other but as it turns out, they were secretly dating for the past six months.**

I gave those scheming broads the best years of my life and all I've got to show for it is the ELLEN in credit card bills they left behind. Why do women act like this? Am I wrong to be mad? — Burned in Charleston

*Dear Burned:* I get a lot of bewildered letters but few are taken this color. You weren't cheating on one woman, you were cheating on TWO women — and got exactly what you deserved!

## Neighbor's filthy cats make me sick to my stomach!

**Dear Dotti: My next-door neighbor is a dear person but she's got one big problem — cats! She actually takes in every stray that comes down the pike and gives them the run of the house. Although I believe in a person's privacy this neighbor is constantly inviting me over to visit — and I have to turn her down because the sight of those filthy cats makes me physically ill. How can I tell her the truth without hurting her feelings?** — Jennie in Los Angeles

*Dear Jennie:* Where there's a will there's a way. Tell your neighbor that you're allergic to cats and that they make you sick to your stomach. For good measure, remind her that your neighbor the Health Nazi of the old loop doesn't like it, and her to pump up a lake!

## How the heck do you keep your great looks, Dotti?

**Dear Dotti:** I read your column every week and was wondering how you keep your super looks. I really would like to look like you, Dotti. Run every diet and exercise program I try fails miserably. — Curious in Austin

*Dear Curious:* I only have with people who look and do absolutely nothing to help on to them. I eat what I like and never gain an ounce. And for reasons that will make my doctor understand, I still look like a girl of 16 even though I'm closer to 30!

## My chatterbox rug rat is talking my ears off!

**Dear Dotti: How do I make my 4-year-old son stop talking?** The kid prattles on about anything and everything — even when he's all alone! You might not believe it, but he even talks himself to sleep when I put him to bed at night. I realize that 4-year-olds talk a lot but this is senseless. It's making me batty.

**What should I do?** — Mom in Springfield

*Dear Mom:* It sounds like your child has a rich fantasy life and that being the case, I'd let him talk until he's blue in the face. There will be time enough for him to face up to the realities of life. The bottom line? Give him a break while you can!

## Help me get a hot date before it's too late!

**Dear Dotti:** I'm a 17-year-old man who's never had a date. Please tell me how to hook up with a gal before I lose my mind! — Desperate in Great Falls

*Dear Desperate:* I hate to say it, but if you haven't figured out how to get a date by the age of 17, it's already too late!

**Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Just write to her, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.**

# Ask Serena

# Please tell my dead son that I forgive him!

Let Serena help you with your problems in Serena Sabak, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462. She answers a few in her column each week.

**Dear Serena: AIDS killed my gay son a few months ago and I just feel awful about it. He lied to me about his lifestyle for 10 long years. I was so hurt and angry that I turned my back on him when he was on his deathbed. I couldn't stand the sight of him so I left and let him die alone.**

**Please contact him in heaven and tell him that I forgive him. It would take a heavy weight off my heart and you're the only one who can help.** — Guilty in San Francisco

*Dear Guilty:* I contacted your son and received the message. He was very appreciative and even more responsive. He said he forgives you. And he knows you mean it!

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When I happened to look up at the sky and saw a fluffy white cloud in the shape of a perfect heart. Even stranger, a friend who was walking with me couldn't see it! I'm not crazy, am I? Is it a sign from God? — Confused in Boston

*Dear Confused:* You're not crazy, but you're not exactly sane, either. Tell your neighbor the truth. Most of the old loop doesn't like it, tell her to jump in a lake!

**Dear Serena: I just found out that I was separated from my twin brother when our parents put us up for adoption. Now that I'm married and have children of my own, I'd like to find my brother. I've been told that he lives in Los Angeles, but I don't know where to look.** — Separated in Los Angeles

*Dear Separated:* My crystal ball tells me that your twin brother is not only alive and well, he lives just 14 miles from your own home in L.A. If you run a classified ad in the Los Angeles Times on October 31, he will see it and contact you then!

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# Three years after visitor from spac

ARTIST'S conception shows egg-shaped alien starship as it landed in a Soviet park in 1989. KGB agents pounced on the alien crew after they left the ship, capturing their commander, say witnesses.

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## Starship co

By TONY CASSIDY
Special correspondent

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## Pet pooch stuck in rabbit hole 8 days!

**A dim-witted dachshund named Doffel chased a rabbit down a hole — then got stuck there for eight days before being rescued!**

Pooch owner Maggie Zagt said her dog survived by eating tree roots while he was trapped between rocks after chasing a bunny into a 20-foot hole. Workers on Zagt's hill near Johannesburg, South Africa, heard whimpering from the hole and dug for hours until they were able to lift a wire-mesh Doffel's paw and yank him free.

## Cops' hot new crime fighting weapon is nothing to sneeze at

Cops are battling rowdy crowds and unruly suspects with a "hot" new weapon that's sure to spice up crime fighting — pepper!

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More than 2,000 police departments have already been using the spray and many have had well-publicized success stories.

## SOCCER SHOCKER

A soccer goalie made the biggest save of his young career when he caught a 2-year-old girl — who fell from her parents' apartment.

Paul Edwards, 24, was rearranging soccer trophies in a display case when he saw the girl plummet from a window ledge of the apartment in Stevenage, England.

He ran toward the apartment and caught the toddler when she fell.

"It's a miracle. He's a hero to us. He saved my daughter's life," said

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ARTIST'S concept: Man of space alien, still imprisoned in a forced labor camp in Siberia.

## ...mmander hovering near death!

Siberian Uplands." declared one former prisoner who spoke only after being assured his identity would not be revealed. "I think the only thing that has kept him alive is some inner power that has been feeding us all these years.

But that power is obviously diminishing at a very rapid pace. I spoke to the man who brought him his food and he said the alien commander is already too weak to swallow even water.

"Unless something is done very soon to help him, he will die. And for all we know, he could be dead even

know what a murderous gang the KGB was."

According to ham radio reports at the time, the alien commander was captured after he and several of his crew had left their half-shaped ship after landing in a small park in the city of Voronezh.

"They were surveying their landing site — reported a ham operator who witnessed the commander's KGB attack. They made no contact, simply moved and started to measure the ground. The KGB squad approached. The alien commander [illegible]

such violence. The commander must have communicated with his own people because they suddenly dashed back into their ship and took off. The commander obviously was willing to sacrifice himself for the safety of his crew.

But the commander offered no prisoner resistance whatsoever. So one of the thugs hushed him on the head with a club.

The alien fell to the ground and the thug turned him over. Then [illegible] "I never forget that moment as long as I live."

The former prisoner smiled at [illegible] nothing or alien — had been taken prisoner in the Voronezh park that day.

"But the Soviet Union is no more and the KGB has been crushed out of existence," the former prisoner declared.

Now we know the truth. A creature from space was taken prisoner and he's been kept chained in a pen like a mad dog.

"Such a horrible thing to have happened. They landed on Earth in peace and we acted in the most inhuman way possible. Now [illegible] to atone and [illegible]

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# Kidnapped virgins sacrificed to Satan!

ARTIST'S rendition of a virgin being burned at the stake.

By RICK TRACY
Correspondent

**COLUMBO, Sri Lanka** — Gangs of armed goons have snatched more than 150 young virgins off the streets and sacrificed them to Satan in pagan rituals of fire.

"They come in the dead of night and do their dirty work," said Police Inspector Nalana Dharmadasa. "Some of the young girls have been torn from their screaming mother's arms. Others have been dragged from their beds."

The murderous kidnappers believe human sacrifice of young virgins will appease the devil and bring blessings on themselves and their families.

"By have found evidence the young virgins have been taken deep into the mountains tied to a stake and burned alive," Dharmadasa said. "Their charred bodies have been left where they died for the vultures to pick apart."

Terrified parents have kept their teenage daughters under lock and key since the night stalkers began their murder and ritual campaign two months ago.

"Several young girls — some as young as 10, 11 and 12 — were abducted by the low and dead worshippers from school classrooms," Dharmadasa added. "The kidnappers are heavily armed and dangerous. They don't seem to care what happens to them."

Sri Lanka is a deeply religious country where sexual activity [illegible] prior to marriage is virtually unheard of.

"These heartless fiends really believe by sacrificing the virgins they are helping the devil clear cleanliness from the world and enhancing their with favor in the eyes of Satan," Dharmadasa said.

Police records show a total of 850 teenage girls have been reported missing in the past three months in the cities of Colombo and Jaffna.

"A few of them are runaways but we fear most of them have fallen into the clutches of the virgin snatchers."

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# Widow may end up in the poor house — for feeding the ducks!

## Kindly old lady faces fines and the wrath of her neighbors

By SHAWN DEENA
Staff writer

**Kindhearted Catherine Mortensen could be left dead broke — because she won't stop feeding the ducks in her backyard!**

In Pompano Beach, Fla., where the 79-year-old widow lives, it's against the law to feed ducks. But Catherine says she can't stand to watch them go hungry.

"How can you resist the poor ducks when they come up to the door," she said. "Especially the little ones. I can't turn my back on them like my nasty neighbors.

"These people are heartless. This law is ridiculous and it should be abolished."

The devoted duck lady has already forked over $170 in fines. Now she faces a $500 penalty and a lien on her property if she continues to supply the ducks with food.

"They'll have to throw me in jail before I pay another fine," she said. "Why should I pay for doing something good."

City animal control officer David Agresk says Catherine is breaking the law.

"I've been her go out and feed the ducks after she had been fined and told not to do it anymore," Agresk said.

"The law is there to protect the birds. They'd survive even if she didn't feed them.

"But because she feeds them, they all come to the door and make a mess and a lot of noise.

"The neighbors have that right to be upset. We can't do anything about it."

The management of the Cypress Bends condominium is threatening to take the widow to court. But Catherine says she couldn't care less. She is still going to feed the ducks. She thinks her neighbors and the animal control officer are uncaring.

"How can Agresk stare at a little baby duckling's face and turn away."

Catherine says she will keep feeding the birds until the city drags her away or she dies, whichever comes first.

Should Mrs. Mortensen continue to feed the ducks in defiance of the law and her neighbors?

☐ YES! She should continue to feed the helpless birds.

☐ NO! She should obey the law and listen to her neighbors. Ducks have no rights.

Send your answers to Box 50, YOUR TOWN NEWS, 50 S. Dixie Hwy., Pompano Beach, Fla. 33060

## Dreams reflect real-life problems

Experts say a person's dreams give an amazingly accurate picture of the dreamer's real-life problems — but you have to know how to interpret the clues.

Here are a few typical dreams and their meanings presented at a recent gathering of psychologists in New York:

•Dreams of falling through space mean the dreamer fears failure and loss of status or respect.

•The most frequently reported dream is that in which the sleeper is being chased by an animal, monster or other threatening person. This means the dreamer is trying to avoid something in everyday life.

•Dreams of losing a test or forgetting lines you are supposed to speak before an audience appropriately dressed means the dreamer fears being defenseless or unacceptable.

•If you dream of missing a bus, train or airplane you are undecided about a problem you face in real life.

•Dreams of taking a test or forgetting lines you are supposed to speak before an audi-

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# Motorist drives away with toll collector's finger!

LUCILLE PICARD

By RICK TRACY / Correspondent

**In one of the most bizarre accidents ever, a hurry motorist ripped off a toll collector's finger when their rings locked together as he gave her his money and drove away.**

"We later found the severed finger inside the road. The lady's twisted wedding ring was still on the severed finger but we haven't been able to get it off the material," a cop said.

Apparently the rings on their fingers got tangled up as the money for the tolls changed hands, he said. "When the motorist pulled away, he took her finger with him."

Paramedics treated badly bleeding toll booth attendant Lucille Picard at the scene and rushed her to a hospital.

"It was a terrifying freak accident," said a paramedic who accompanied the injured, 47-year-old toll taker in the ambulance.

"Their rings simply locked together as the toll changed hands and the woman's finger was torn off as the driver sped away."

The incredibly bizarre accident occurred shortly before midnight at a tollbooth near Paris, France. Less than 15 minutes before Mrs. Picard was to finish her shift.

A trucker who drove up to the tollbooth moments after the accident said the victim was lying partly in the roadway screaming hysterically.

"I jumped out and ripped my shirt for a tourniquet to stop the bleeding," the trucker said. "I called the police and emergency rescue. She passed out from the pain before they arrived."

Cops are searching for the motorist who drove away with the woman's severed finger. The injured toll collector described him as tall and stocky.

"It happened so fast that she didn't get a good look at him, other than to say he was a big man with big hands and hairy arms," said an investigating officer. "He could be charged with leaving the scene of an accident."

## Name's the game

A dentist in Warsaw, Poland changed his name from Jakob Pawlowitschkowski to Jan Pawlowitschkowski. "It's easier for people to remember," he said.

# Dieting can make you skinny — and stupid!

Fish isn't all you have to lose while dieting, say researchers, who claim brainpower is the first to go when you cut back on calories.

Fed-up fatties are flirting with irreversible brain damage every time they shave aside steak-and-potatoes for carrots, celery and other diet-approved vegetables, say researchers.

Nutrition experts reached these conclusions and more during an 11-year study of the effects dieting has on women.

Women are particularly vulnerable to the ravages of dieting, they said, because their brains are 10 percent smaller than those of men. And calorie-counting shrinks them even

# Super-sensitive pooch picks up police radar!

BAD VIBES! Dog alerts grateful trucker Ted Cooper to the presence of police radar, in this photo re-creation.

**Trucker Ted Cooper has no trouble steering clear of speeding tickets thanks to his fuzz-busting buddy — a prodigious pooch named Castor.**

The highway hound is a genuine radar dog, the only canine on record who is so sensitive he can pick up radar emissions. When Cooper wheels past a cop hiding in a speed trap at the side of the road, Castor has already peeped the fuzz in time to warn him.

"That dog picks up his ears and barks and I take my foot right off the accelerator," says Cooper, 42, who lives outside Nashville, Tenn.

By BEATRICE DEXTER

A few miles on down the road, and sure enough — there's a police officer or a trooper sating there using a radar gun. I used to get sick worries. He lets me know eve

was always grabbing the pedal in the metal crystal to make my schedule. I was afraid I was going to lose my license.

"But ever since a neighbor gave me this pup in 1994 to keep me company on the road, I've been absolutely free of

head. I haven't had a ticket with the dog ever."

Cooper says he has no idea how the receiver-type mutt is able to spot cop troopers.

But he says the dog's unique talent has made him the first trip the rig took to Jester an overnight hauling

Castor was about a year old," Cooper recalls. "We were cruising along at 75 m.p.h. or so and all of a sudden the pooch just goes crazy. He starts whining and barking and shaking his head.

I didn't think anything of it until we spotted a state trooper sitting behind a billboard by the side of the highway.

"I realized immediately that Castor was upset about the cop — and that he'd known the trooper was there three miles up the road. From that day

TRUCKER'S best friend Castor with proud owner Ted Cooper.

per says he's put it to use. Whenever he notices a comparison starts barking and lunges him to be the perfect advantage in settling out speed traps.

"It's so good, I've started telling my buddies on the CB whenever Castor senses radar. The dog is getting to miss — everyone says they want one like him. I'm thinking of breeding him and sell me for mine as radar dogs."

## Pentagon sends $2.3 million — by mistake!

Victor Quilano opened a government envelope expecting his workers compensation check. What he got was a check from the Pentagon for $2.3 million!

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# BURP!

# Metal-munching con eats razor blades bedsprings, nuts & bolts

CONVICT Carl Rhoades

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

**Skinny con Carl Rhoades gained about 15 pounds overnight when he swallowed 100 razor blades, bedsprings, nuts and bolts and any chunk of metal he could lay his hands on.**

"He was either trying to commit suicide or get attention," said a spokesman at Kansas State Reformatory in Hutchinson. "It hurts to even think about what his stomach went through."

Rhoades, 31, had served almost one year of a 10 to 20 year sentence for aggravated battery and drug possession when he gulped down the metal.

Prison officials had no idea what was in Rhoades' belly until he complained of stomach pains. He was taken from his cell to a prison hospital.

"X rays of his stomach revealed several 3-inch by 1-inch bedsprings, numerous razor blades, nuts, bolts and many other pieces of metal that we couldn't identify," the spokesman said.

When Rhoades refused to let doctors remove the metal from his stomach, the state got a judge to rule doctors could operate without the con's consent.

"Trouble is, no doctor wanted to operate on him," the spokesman said. "They were worried about malpractice problems."

The metal-laden convict eventually relieved himself of much of the metal he swallowed by normal means while in the prison infirmary.

"But there is still a pile of it in his stomach," said a prison officer. "Doctors said the metal isn't life threatening."

Following his release from the infirmary, Rhoades was transferred to a prison facility in Topeka, Kan.

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**Housewives who've given up smoking often start lighting up again the minute their mother-in-law shows up for a visit, experts say.**

"The pressure of having her husband's mother there looking over her shoulder is often just too much for a woman to handle without a cigarette," a Utah research

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By BONNIE BROWN, ASTROLOGER TO THE STARS

## ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Take a chance!
Be a little wild and crazy when it comes to money matters. You can afford it.
You're in the middle of a busy stretch!
Don't let a cranky family member get under your skin. Let them know how you expect them to behave.
There's a bargain out there, but you'll have to root through a lot of junk to find it.

## TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Make a fresh start!
Dump those out-of-date ideas and look to the future.
There's extra income coming your way, once you adjust to a new way of doing things.
Romance turns hot and spicy.
You have even more fun than you'd bargained for! Your special someone barely keeps up with you!
A long lost memento turns up when you least expect it.

## GEMINI
May 21-June 20

You're firing on all cylinders!
Your willingness to work hard impresses someone who counts.
With this kind of working, you can write your own ticket.
Ask for what you need as far as money goes. You'll be thrilled at what you get.
You enjoy some wonderful moments alone with the one who loves you the best.
Relax with TV on the weekend.

## CANCER
June 21-July 22

Time to share your charm!
Now let those you're helped out take care of you for awhile.
You've earned the right to put your feet up!
Indulge yourself in something delicious when you shop this week. Eating it should make you feel like royalty.
Someone's going to flirt with you. It's okay to flirt back, but watch out. Someone may get jealous.

## LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Top charm everyone!
You're more outgoing than ever this week and shine particularly brightly when you're with the opposite sex.
Turn a social situation into a wheeling, dealing meeting.
You'll end up with a sizeable amount of cash in your pocket.
Be sensible about your health.
Make exercise fun by doing it with a special someone.

## VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You're on solid ground!
Don't worry — you haven't bitten off more than you can chew.
You're carrying a heavy load, especially at home, but you know you've opportunized.
An overdue refund arrives in the mail just in time to be really needed.
Your heart plays tricks on you when the phone rings.
Let that long-distance caller know how you feel.

## LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Let it all hang out!
You've been holding back your feelings for too long.
Let the family know how you feel about a certain situation. You'll all feel better when the air is cleared.
You'll be getting enough cash to settle your bills. Pay them!
Don't flitter money away on things you "have to have."
Someone you've never even thought about is eyeing you — a lot!

## SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Roll with the punches!
They're going to come out on top.
All you have to do is keep your mouth shut when a temptation tries to get a rise out of you.
It'll be obvious you're the best person for the job!
Go for double or nothing when an unusual tip comes your way. You'll like the payoff!
Relax on the weekend with your favorite of the old-time movies.

## SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're ready to go!
Now's the time, while you're feeling revved up and energetic, to tackle a new project.
Whatever you want should be within reach this week.
Mind-bending romance — you've got it!
Cash — just hold out your hand!
When it comes to making a tough decision about the house, ask a friend for an outsider's viewpoint.

## CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Settle for the best!
Let everybody know that you want only the top of the line. They'll fall in with your request without any fuss.
An invitation to a big event gets you all keyed up and raring to go.
Have a ball with a special someone who's as excited as you are!
A letter from a distant relative relieves you of a big worry. All's well and you'll get a visit soon.

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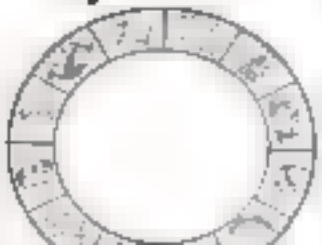

It's going to be a spectacular year!
There'll be sweeping changes in your life style, bringing rewards you'd only dreamed of.
Expect your love life to take off in a new and exciting direction!
You'll work hard, harder than usual, but the money that'll fill your pockets makes it all worthwhile. Your financial

## AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You're in the mood for love!
Romance is coming your way. You won't have to move a muscle to get your fill.
Expect a relative to hit you up for a loan. Even a co-worker is tempted to ask you to dip into your pocket.
If those hard-luck stories touch you — and they will — say "okay."

## PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You're on cloud nine!
An unexpected letter puts you in the best mood ever.
The special someone you've been dreaming about lets you know the feeling is mutual.
Keep a tighter rein on your budget. Put something aside for future security — and for some frivolous holiday spending.

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## Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Hollywood astrologer Bonnie Brown's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find Bonnie Brown's Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too. To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For sign's birth, throw in your birthdate.

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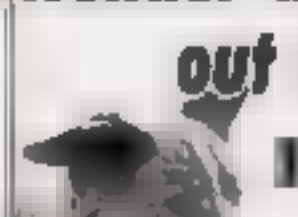
# Wonder dog sniffs out cancer that saves his master's life!



By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

**A woman escaped an agonizing death — because her pet dog sniffed out a cancerous tumor on her leg!**

Benita Whitfield said the dog had sniffed at a mole on her leg "for months." Finally, she went to a doc - and the mole was a ma- tumor.

"Perhaps malignant tumors like this are [illegible] that are undetectable to man, but easily detected by dogs," said London researcher Dr. Hywel Williams.

Ruby, a crossbreed collie, may have saved the 46-year old woman's life by prompting her to seek medical attention while the deadly cancer was still in a curable stage, said Dr. Williams in the British medical journal, The Lancet.

The 3-year-old pooch constantly sniffed at the cancerous mole, even through Miss Whitfield's slacks.

But Ruby paid no attention to other visible moles on her body.

The shifty mole contained [illegible] cells.

Doctors said Dr. Williams' findings [illegible] but Miss Whitfield wasn't convinced until the dog tried to bite off the mole one day when she was sleeping.

Because of Ruby's bizarre actions, Miss Whitfield went to the Kings College Hospital clinic where doctors discovered the [illegible] tumor and diagnosed it as malignant.

"We removed the tumor and the patient is fine," said Dr. Williams. "But her days may have been numbered if not for her dog."

Medical experts say it is highly unlikely the pet's keen pooch was merely fascinated by the mole, since she could smell it through the patient's clothes.

"We have not as yet proceeded to a trial of sniffer dogs in our melanoma clinic. But the use of animals with highly developed senses of smell is worth considering," the doctors wrote.

# Japanese invent robot maid!

**In a few years housework will be a thing of the past — because a Japanese electronics company plans to sell a robot that cleans up a room and then puts itself away.**

The user must lead the mechanical maid through its paces the first time around while the robot memorizes the exact dimensions of each room.

From then on the cordless, battery-powered cleaner can [illegible]

expects to finish the cleaner next year and have it ready for market sometime after that.

An industrial version of the robot will cost between $15,700 and $23,805, but a home model should be slightly

# BABOONS RAISED THIS BOY!

## Hunters capture child who walks, eats & screams just like his monkey family!

by JOE BERGER / Staff Writer

A boy of about 8, believed to have been dumped in the wilds of Africa as an infant, was adopted by a band of friendly baboons who fed him, protected him from predators — and turned him into a real-life monkey boy.

The banana chomping child was captured three months ago by dumbstruck hunters who found him romping in the brush with a family of 50 baboons in eastern Uganda.

The mon turned the naked, mud-colored kid now called Bobby — over to authorities in the capital city of Kampala.

"When we first saw this little 4-year-old child, he truly thought he was a baboon," said Ugandan government minister Rwanda Bhaale. "He walked like a baboon and screamed like a baboon and ate like a baboon.

"After a couple of months in an orphanage he is still very confused. He doesn't know what he's supposed to be, a human child or a young baboon.

"He can't talk and he can't understand what we're saying to him, so turning him from a monkey into a human is going to take some time."

Bhaale re-constructed Bobby's parents left him in the wilds when he was a baby and surrounded by baboons, they saved his life," the government official said. "They fed him and protected him and taught him how to survive in the jungle."

The hunters who captured Bobby found him scampering through the brush, munching on roots, fruit and insects.

But the minute they went after him, he scampered up a tree as fast as any monkey.

"We had to throw a rope on him to get him down, and then we had to beg for him to get him to come with us," said hunting party boss Ben Byangwa.

"The baboons were going crazy. We had to chase them with sticks. The boy was so scared he was shrieking at us. It was obvious that to him he was just another baboon."

"When he was put into the orphanage, he ran around on all fours with his arms dangling down and his back arched over," Bhaale recalled. "The entire situation was very strange — but it shows just how

ANGUISHED baboons screamed in apparent alarm as hunters approached Bobby, who had been raised by the monkeys since infancy.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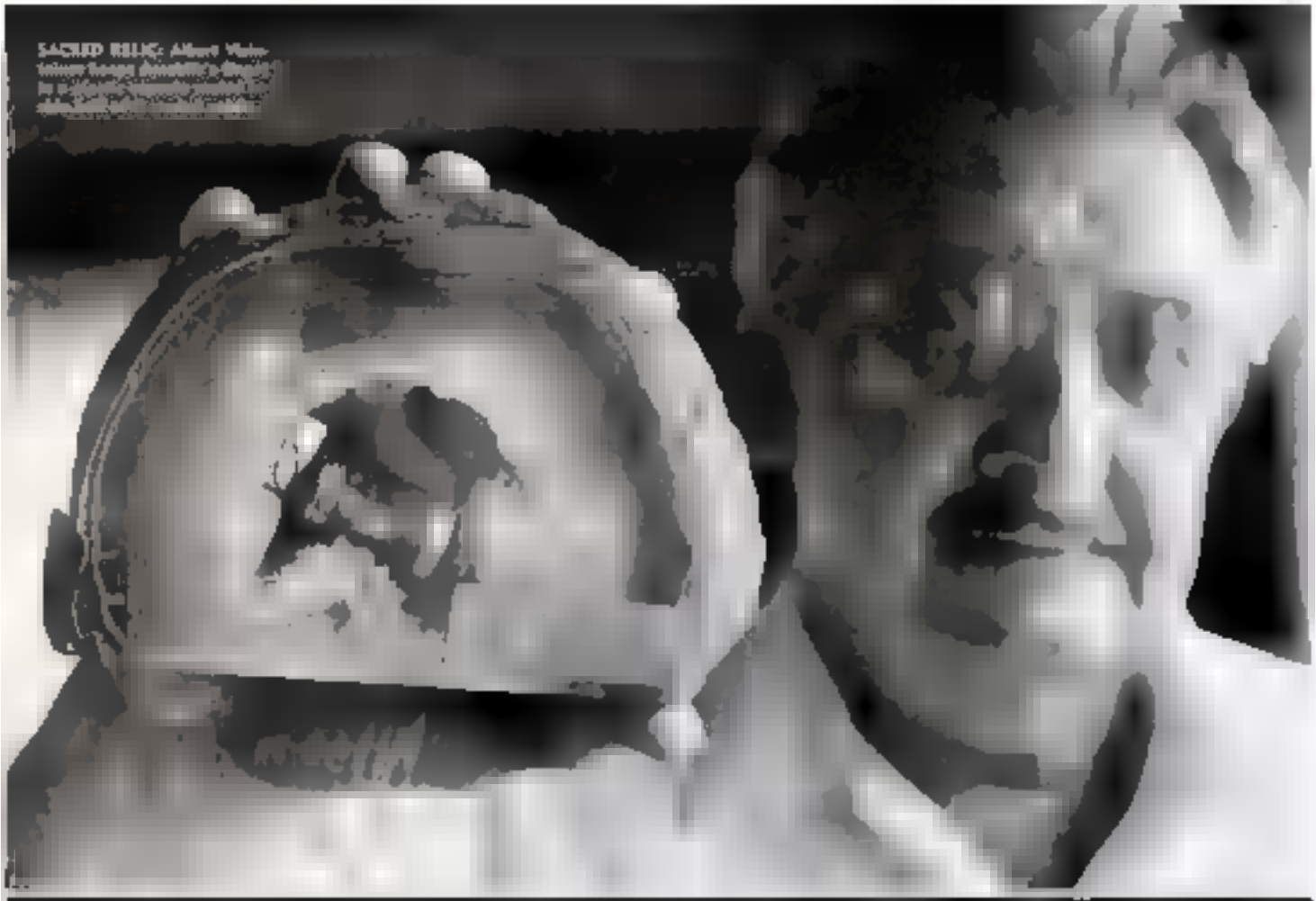

SACRED RELIC: Albert Visintainer keeps Amanda's finger in a jar in his restaurant

# Pennsylvania man hopes finger in a jar will make his cousin a saint

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

**By his own admission, restaurant owner Albert Visintainer is just an ordinary guy who somehow got saddled with a very unusual job — making sure his distant cousin becomes a saint.**

But how many "ordinary" guys are there who can reach into a Coleman cooler and whip out a finger bone taken from the body of a dead nun who's on her way to sainthood?

Because she has already been beatified by Pope John Paul II, and because she is already credited with one of the two miracles she needs to be canonized, she almost certainly will be declared a saint by the pope in Rome next year.

That means Visintainer can get on with his life that has been turned upside down by a woman he didn't get to know until after she died.

That woman was his cousin Amanda Visintainer whose father settled in Bristol when she was 14. Amanda became a nun and devoted her life to God. She founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and became Mother Pauline. She died at Villanova Mount Carmel Convent in Villanova.

Last fall, he was invited to attend her beatification and, during the ceremony, was given the inch-long bone from a finger of her left hand, taken after her body was exhumed for worship years earlier.

"There are only three relics," Albert explained. "The Pope has one, the second one is at Villanova Mount Carmel and the third one is at the headquarters of the order his cousin had founded in Brazil."

Albert, who was invited to attend her beatification and, during the ceremony, was given the inch-long bone from a finger of her left hand, taken after her body was exhumed for worship years earlier.

"I tell all my friends, save your money," Albert said. "I tell them they'll need it to go to [illegible] there with me but the nuns gave it to me."

The relic can be clearly seen in its clear plastic capsule, which is sealed inside a halved crystal geode. As an added measure of protection, Albert keeps the geode and its precious relic inside a plastic [illegible]

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# How to mend a broken heart!

By HAL BATES - Special correspondent

**You can get over a broken heart by following a few simple tips, says an expert.**

"An ended marriage or love affair can make you feel depressed, angry and unloved. But you can get through a breakup," said Dr. Fredrick Koenig. Here's how.

● Remember time is your best friend. Look ahead. Make plans for the future — map out your next vacation or some new activities. "Imagine your self in the future ... smiling, self assured and happy. Remember that image and carry it with you through the hard times," Dr. Koenig suggested.

● Don't hid yourself and try to stay friends with your ex. If you do, "either you'll be secretly hoping you can get back together again, or you'll still be hurt and angry and you'll find your self making cutting remarks."

● Ask your friends how they got over a broken heart — and really listen to what they say. "You'll take comfort in knowing that other people have experienced the same ups and downs you have ... and you may pick up some valuable tips."

● Even if you are so brokenhearted you can't imagine being involved with anyone else, at least begin looking around. Perhaps there's an attractive neighbour or fellow worker who's shown some interest in you. Strike up a conversation or invite the other person to have coffee with you.

Getting interested in a new person will help you get over your old flame. But don't make the mistake of telling him or her about your shattered romance and how terribly you feel.

● You may feel rejected and unlovable, but you shouldn't put yourself down. Take stock of your good points. Just because your romance didn't work out doesn't mean you're a bad person.

● Get out and enjoy yourself as much as possible. Spend time with friends having fun. Remember, laughter is still the best medicine.

## Kids cook up yucky recipes!

**Here are a few recipes from the creative minds of kindergarten kids from Sioux Falls, S.D. — who obviously love cooking (maybe).**

**Rice:** Pan, water, sauce, rice, flour. Put the rice in a pan. Put on stove and turn it on to about 150. Cook it long. Sit around until it's done. When done, put sauce on it and eat it all up.

**Hamburger:** Grease, hamburger. First, put grease in pan. Then tear off some hamburger and put it in pan. Put it on stove on two.

Cook for two hours. Then you eat it.

Two crackers, peanut butter. Fill the cracker with peanut butter.

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By SHAWN DEENA
*Staff writer*

**The next time you call in sick you'd better be telling the truth — because now your boss will know in a flash if you're lying through your teeth!**

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Phone records every word — just in case the caller decides to change his story!

number for the truth.

The telephone-lie detector retails for $3,000 at Surveillance Technology Group in downtown Washington, D.C.

Intel Systems, the manufacturer of Truth-Phone.

Once you get your own, it needs to be activated like a real lie detector. "First you have to record the subject's voice when you know he's telling the truth," advised store salesman John McCarthy.

Once programmed, "Truth-Phone can help you determine if your employees are stealing . . . if your associates are cheating . . . if your friends are really your friends," says amused the device.

products like a miniature "magnetic-eye" video camera that fits on your car antenna and a portable receiver that can tell if there's a listening device in your room. CCS can make anyone feel safe. Mary Pearl, head of public relations for CCS, puts it simply, "Espionage and information gathering is alive and well both in the U.S. and abroad."

## How chopped off corpse's head — and kept it as a souvenir!

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# Druggies use hospitals as dumping grounds for their babies!

By ALICE ALEXANDER
Staff writer

**Thousands of sleazy, disease-riddled drug addicts dump their unwanted newborn babies in public hospitals throughout the U.S. every year — and hardworking taxpayers get stuck with millions of dollars in medical bills.**

What's even more horrifying, 15 percent of the abandoned infants were prenatally exposed to alcohol, cocaine or other dangerous drugs and AIDS, says a shocking new study.

"We're talking about the scum of the earth here," said one researcher. "They get drugged up, then get pregnant, unload the baby and skulk out of the hospital as fast as possible. They don't give a damn about the baby. All they care about is themselves."

A survey of 71 hospitals in 11 urban areas last spring revealed 600 babies are left in their every month even though they don't need the constant medical attention of a hospital.

"Based on this data, we estimate these 71 hospitals will board from 5,000 babies this year at a total reimbursement cost of nearly $30 to $35 million," said Larry Gage, president of the National Association of Public Hospitals.

Only 10 percent of the babies left behind will be reunited with their birth parents. The others will be adopted, placed in foster care or raised by other relatives.

The unwanted babies' problems stems from too many unemployed parents turning to drugs and booze, admitting investigator David Lauderman of the Child Welfare League.

Each baby abandoned in a hospital costs $500 to $600 a day and is not covered by Medicaid or any other insurer.

The survey was conducted by the League and the hospital association.

# China is breeding a race of loafers!

**Communist China says its people are so lazy they sit around knitting sweaters, reading and playing chess instead of working.**

"Our offices have turned into free tea houses for hot tasting, newspaper reading and gossip," said an editorial in the Worker's Daily newspaper.

Many clerks ignore customers and spend the day chatting with each other.

"Our system needs radical surgery if we are going to eradicate this chronic disease," wrote the editor.

China's workers have become accustomed to the "iron rice bowl," the decades-old system of lifetime employment.

# CAT EATS MOVIE STAR MOUSE!

## Film crew watches in horror as kitty pounces on tiny rodent actor

By JOE BERGER

A cutie-pie mouse named Malcolm was dining the final scene of an enchanting new children's movie and seemed on the verge of superstardom — till an alley cat ate him.

"It was ghastly," said crestfallen cameraman Ken Lobb. "We'd grown so attached to the little fellow. He was such a showman.

"Then that mangy cat came out of nowhere and gobbled him up."

Mischievous Malcolm had been specially bred to star in a delightful little movie called Animal Mouse, being filmed by a Scottish company in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The hall-pint ham had wrap the thing up and every skittered and dugged, but one was planning a reckless way through three weeks of film till tragedy struck. In shooting when a killer kitty named Ian Valentine, who slipped into the set and bared the wide-eyed rodent for little a meal of the squeaks, his movie role

star. "We'd all been keeping such

"We were all ready for a close-up of Malcolm [illegible]

[illegible] and munching [illegible] Malcolm quickly became a [illegible] with him. But we'd not guard thing of the part.

Down [illegible] the [illegible] and my [illegible] And when they did the grab and jay [illegible] that," said Lobb. "We thought the movie with a stand-in, but it wasn't the same. We Malcolm could have been a star."

## Most Americans are morons when it comes to cars!

When it comes to cars, most Americans are just plain dumb, mechanics say.

In a recent survey, the na[illegible] super-geniuses offered these examples of the some of the astounding questions they've encountered:

■ A Colorado driver put car water [illegible] in his gas [illegible] engine.

■ A Michigan man was concerned his car would turn left but not right — and the mystified fellow drove it that way for six months.

■ Thousands of people told [illegible] their [illegible] in their [illegible] to [illegible] up a $15,000 engine in his [illegible] Rolls-Royce.

## Moonlighting couples ruin their lives — but never get rich!

Moonlighting couples holding down two or more jobs grow like two ships in the night — and spend their money as fast as they make it.

Six of these couples who work morning, noon and night seem to be getting rich, says a study by Charlene Sullivan of Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind.

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# Boy castrates himself because parents didn't take him to the zoo!

**A 13-year-old boy castrated himself with a kitchen knife to get back at his parents — who lied about taking him to the zoo!**

"This was the only way I could get back at them," tragic Fredrik Lofgren told reporters in Lulea, Sweden. "It hurt real bad but I'm not sorry I did it.

"Because of what I did to myself they'll never have grandchildren. They won't be able to live to think like they had to me."

The bait-taking drama unfolded after Karen and Kjell Lofgren the boy's 35-year-old parents promised to take them out to a new fun park for their 13th birthday.

They had already cancelled two previous trips.

And when they backed out a third time as they could go to a friend's house for dinner, young Lofgren decided to get his revenge. Secretly, he reports, the boy got a kitchen knife and sliced off his testicles while he was alone in his father's tool shed.

He lost a lot of blood but had the good sense to call an ambulance.

He was treated and released from a Lulean hospital where Fredrik's doctors thought about trying to reattach the testicles but decided that the procedure had little chance of success and was too dangerous.

Police Lt. Ragnh Eriksson said the Lofgren couple are currently under investigation and might possibly be charged with neglect.

Meanwhile Fredrik's parents have vowed to spend more time with their son, although they concede that it might be too late.

"I'll always remember the worst day of my life."

"If necessary, I'll even take the last off work to be with him."

By SCOTT ROBERTSON

"I'll take him to the zoo every day of the week."

"I'll never forgive me. I just hope he can forgive me. He's been very cold since he got home from the hospital.

"I don't know if we can ever have a normal relationship again," distraught Mrs. Lofgren sobbed.

Psychologist Birger Hasselgren counseled young Fredrik when he was in the hospital and has since offered to provide him with therapy as long as he needs it.

"I don't think the boy understands the seriousness of what he has done to himself," said Dr. Hasselgren. "The loss of his testicles could stunt his growth and affect his mind.

"He'll never have a sex drive," he continued. "And he's almost sure to be the butt of cruel jokes and taunting by his friends."

Fredrik said: "Everybody thinks I'm crazy for doing what I did but I had to get my parents' attention. I wanted to punish them for lying to me.

"They shouldn't have told me I was going to the zoo if they weren't true."

# WRECK-LESS ROMANCE

**When a passerby reported several two bodies lying off the road near a fallen motorcycle, medics rushed to the scene — and found the "victims" making mad, passionate love in the bushes!**

The heavily biker had been overcome by a sudden tenderness for kinky-pinky and pulled to the side to woo his pretty passenger.

A passing motorist caught the prone pair in his headlights and thought they were hurt.

"We rushed up with our stretchers and got the shock of our lives," ambulance attendant Franz Beckford told reporters in Munich, Germany.

"There were apologies all around and the happy couple was last seen zooming off down the highway."

**FAMILY FACE OFF**

Father and son get their noses in the grind in the World Beard Shaving Contest in Dallas, Texas. Father John Jurdevich, right, was first to shave but son Joe had the closest beard, so the judges declared him the champion shaver.

# Housewife sells lung — to get a new kitchen!

By BEATRICE DEXTER · Correspondent

**Ana Weiss said one of her lungs to a wealthy oxphiysiaus sufferer who needed a lung transplant — so she could remodel her kitchen!**

The German housewife says her cheapskate hubby wouldn't pay the $24,000 it cost to put in new appliances, new cabinetry and a new tile floor in her shabby, old fashioned kitchen. So she raised the money herself with the operation and now she's got the latest in high-tech cookery.

"I just love my new appliances and my clean, up-to-date work areas and everything," says Ana, 38, a mother of three who had her left lung removed on July 7. "To me, it's worth it to finally have a kitchen as nice as I've always wanted."

Ana says the operation was not really as drastic as it seems. She only need one lung to get along and it doesn't take that much time to recuperate from the surgery — a couple of weeks in all.

Ana says she has been cooking on a broken-down gas stove and using makeshift counters and tables in her kitchen ever since she and her husband Manfred bought their house back in 1979.

She thought they would save up the money by themselves of the mean, but truck driver Manfred wouldn't set aside the cash.

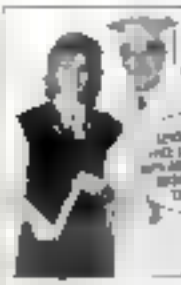
After 12 years of struggling with worn-out plumbing, broken down appliances and dingy, dirty surroundings, Ana was constantly nagging her husband to do something about the kitchen, but he refused," said Ana, who lives in Bonn. "Then I read a classified ad from a man who was looking for someone to donate a lung. He was offering $24,000 and I thought, why not?"

"I decided to teach my stingy husband a lesson and get myself a new kitchen at the same time. Now he's embarrassed over the loss everyone is making about my operation. He says it makes him look bad in front of everyone."

Ana checked into the hospital the first week of July for the operation to remove her lung.

She underwent six hours of surgery, then spent eight days in the hospital recuperating. The man who received her lung underwent surgery at the same time and is doing well, Ana says.

"He got his money's worth," says happy Ana, whose kitchen is the envy of all her friends.

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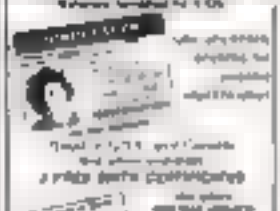

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## Fiddlin' around

Musical Katie Costello of Greensboro, N.C., takes time for comic relief during a recital.

# Sickos wearing human fetus feet — for good luck!

By BEATRICE DEXTER

**Right-to-lifers are furious over a fashion fad among pro-abortion activists: lucky fetus foot necklaces that are worn to bring good fortune in the abortion battle!**

Incredibly hundreds of militant abortion supporters in Australia are sporting the ghoul jewelry, which is made from the discarded corpses of aborted infants.

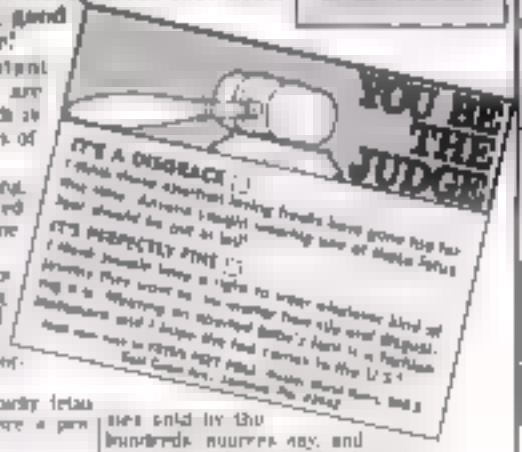
"This has to be the most upsetting, shocking fashion trend ever," fumed outraged anti-abortion activist Arlene Andrews of Sydney.

"The folks who make these things are actually claiming that they bring the wearer good fortune. And they're using the money they make selling the necklaces to support abortion clinics all over the country."

According to news reports, the baby fetus feet first appeared last spring before a pro-abortion rally in Sydney.

The necklaces — tiny human feet dried and attached to silver plated chains — were sold for $12.50 apiece by various pro-abortion groups around the country.

Nicknamed as "fortune feet," the top foot




sies sold by the hundreds, mourners say, and were promoted as a fund-raising hoax for pro-choice organizations across Australia.

"It strikes me that this is a fitting symbol for groups who not only condone but actually encourage the murder of tiny, helpless, unborn humans," said Mrs. Andrews, a mother of 11.

"To kill these children, then dry their paws, tear their little limbs and string them around their necks — that's unbelievably barbaric. But then so is the philosophy behind legal

## Tarzie gives gals unwanted shampoos!

**Cops in Tokyo are searching for a fiend who sneaks up behind shapely girls — and shampoos their hair! The creep carries a jug of water and a tube of shampoo, then, as**

## Fiancee threatened to call off marriage!

# Man gets $15G operation to cure his snoring

SURGERY: Proud cowboy Lester Connor takes a sleeping beauty nap after costly nasal surgery.

Special correspondent

**Lovesick Lester Connor paid a hefty price for love — shelling out more than $15,000 for nasal surgery because his fiancee couldn't stand his snoring.**

The 28-year-old computer programmer made plans last year to marry pretty Wendy Jones, 21, in a lovely June ceremony. But Wendy went ranting with him a month before the wedding and threatened to call the whole thing off, claiming she could never live with a man who snored so loudly.

"She said she couldn't sleep a wink the whole night we were together, even though we slept in different tents," says Lester, who lives in a suburb of Pontiac.

"I went to my doctor and I begged him to help me out. I told him my entire life hinged on curing the problem of my snoring. I told him he had to do something, no matter how drastic."

Lester's doctor blamed the man's ear-shattering snoring on the odd shape of his nose and told him he'd need expensive plastic surgery to correct the problem. The operation would involve straightening out the nasal passages to allow air to pass easily, the doctor said.

Lester got his beloved Wendy to promise she'd marry him if he had the $15,000 procedure done and went into the hospital in August for the surgery. Now he's home recuperating and planning a fall wedding.

"I know some people think I was pretty hard-hearted to insist that Lester do that for me," said Wendy, a homemaker. "But I think it was a sensible demand.

"Imagine if I had married him and then found out after a while that I couldn't stand to sleep with him. Our marriage would have been a failure and we would have ended up in the divorce court.

"I figured it was better to straighten the problem out before it ruined our chance for happiness."

Lester says his nose is sore and swollen, but he's already breathing better. And he says the snoring that rattled the rafters of his house has totally disappeared. "I made a tape recording for Wendy and all you could hear was little sleepy noises and silence," Lester says proudly.

"Wendy is delighted and so am I.

"And I don't mind having undergone the pain and expense – I'd do anything for my beautiful gal. I want her to be as happy with me as I am with her."

## Bald eagle steals Porsche!

### Law says $60G car can't be moved — because bird built nest on front seat!

By JOE BANE Special correspondent

**Stockbroker Scott Burwell is shell-shocked after being told by federal officials he can't drive his plush, $60,000 Porsche — because an American bald eagle is nesting in the front seat.**

"They say it's on the endangered species list and can't be moved," said the frustrated car owner. "I'll land in jail if I do anything to disturb that damned nest."

Scott's incredible car crisis began three

Wyo. It was found abandoned 200 miles away in a wooded area of the Teton Range, northwest of Jackson. "The left window was smashed and one tire was flat. Otherwise, the car was in good shape," Scott said.

But Scott's attitude changed when he discovered the eagle had flown into the front seat through the broken window and built a huge nest of sticks, leaves and grass. "A guy from the Fish and Wildlife Service said the car couldn't be moved as long as that nest was there.

"He pointed out the eagle is an endangered species and protected by the federal government," Scott said.

"He said my Porsche belongs to the eagle now. I'm as patriotic as the next guy, but this is ridiculous."

Unless the eagle abandons

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# College for stupid people graduates its first class!

Campus Of The Stupid: The college for dummies is enjoying its first graduation

By BRUCE STEVENS

**A unique college designed especially for stupid people has handed out its first degrees — to more than 200 dummies who couldn't get in the door at any other school.**

"Traditionally, only smart people have gone to college," said Dean Hector Gonnan. "We thought it's only fair that nitwits get the same chance. A degree can boost their confidence and self-esteem and increase their chances of employment."

The opening of St. Joan de la Lune College was reported in Weekly World News in January 1989. Now, nearly four years later, members of that original class are proud college graduates.

The school was named after a 13th century Belgium priest famed for his scantily clad lack of sense.

Among the most popular degrees for the first group of grads were:

● Bird watching, with special emphasis on the mating habits of the Ukraine.

● Professional pet psychology.

● Desert camel management. "Especially the camels that inhabit the Gobi Desert," says the professor.

● UFO spotting.

● Modeling for artists. "Posing nude for hours on end takes very special skill," Dean Gonnan said.

● Professional snarfarium. According to the college prospectus, this "is a skill much needed in the grasslands of northern Europe."

● Chicken and turkey plucking. "We'll also include ducks, geese, doves and quail," the dean said.

● Bicycle riding. "A very desirable degree, indeed," says the prospectus.

Speaking from his office at the St. Joan campus in Brussels, Belgium, Dean Gonnan said, "We feel that our students will leave these halls better equipped to meet the demands of the modern world.

"After their four years here, these students are poised, confident and proud to have set into after their name.

"All of us, student body and faculty members alike, are very excited about this brave new world of education."

According to Dean Gonnan, experts from all over the world are professors at St. Joan.

"For example, we have recruited a camel expert from Saudi Arabia, a retired Scottish bird-watcher and a UFO expert from America."

Classes are open to anyone with "a will to succeed and an IQ," Dean Gonnan said.

## 200 nitwits receive their diplomas!

## PROTESTING PRISONERS SEW THEIR LIPS TOGETHER!

Four cons were determined to keep their mouths shut while protesting for demands for better treatment — so they sewed their lips together!

Doctors at a prison in Berlin, Germany were keeping an eye on the inmates to prevent infection. The hardheaded prisoners used a needle and thread to close their mouths.

Fifty-three other prisoners joined the original four on a hunger strike to get better food, medical care

## Basketball players should NEVER miss a shot!

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# 'They fell 26 stories — and SPLAT!'

# Priest can't talk man out of suicide — SO HE JUMPS WITH HIM!

PRIEST Raymond Gaits (left) and Dennis Chevalain leap to their death, hand-in-hand.

by LAUREL BOWIE
newspaperman

**Compassionate priest Raymond Gaits edged his way onto a window ledge high above the street and spent 12 heart-stopping hours trying to talk a bankrupt plumber out of taking his own life.**

Then, when they'd finished their emotional talk, the two men stood and joined hands — and both the plumber and the priest jumped 26 stories to their death!

"We have no idea why a priest, who risked his neck trying to talk the man out of suicide, suddenly decided to join him in death," a puzzled police detective told reporters in Paris, France.

"Friends and relatives say Father Gaits wasn't the least bit despondent or unhappy when he went out on that ledge.

"We couldn't hear what they were saying out there, but that poor plumber must have been very persuasive fellow."

The bizarre incident began when distraught Dennis Chevalain, 51, broke a window on the 26th floor of a downtown office building and threatened to jump if anyone came near him.

Police Detective Yves Didier recalled. "He edged his way along the ledge toward the corner of the building and threatened to jump if anyone came near him.

"We found out later that his plumbing company had just gone bankrupt and he'd lost his entire life savings."

Father Gaits, 61, was passing by on the street below when he noticed the plumber's plight and rushed up to the 26th floor to offer his help.

The priest talked to Chevalain through the window for several minutes, and eventually the sobbing father of four agreed to let the priest join him on the ledge.

"It was a very narrow ledge, but Father Gaits walked right out to him unafraid," Det. Didier recalled.

"We couldn't hear what they were saying to each other, but they talked on and on."

As police, firemen, friends and relatives watched anxiously inside the building, the priest and the plumber sat with their backs against the window, talking quietly for hours.

Then, suddenly, they stood up, holding each other's hand, and we breathed a sigh of relief thinking they were coming inside at last," said the detective. "Instead, they stood there looking over the edge — and then jumped, still holding hands. They fell 26 stories — and splat," he added.

"There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Father Gaits jumped voluntarily, joining Mr. Chevalain in a suicide pact. It was obvious to onlookers.

"The question that is plaguing everyone is ... why?"

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# Karate nut takes on 4 tigers — & gets eaten alive!

By JEAN TAYLOR
Special correspondent

**A karate fanatic was eaten alive when he broke into a zoo to battle four tigers in the ultimate test of his skill!**

All that remained of the martial arts idiot when the beasts finished with him was his black karate belt, his scalp and his left hand.

Alerted by a security guard at the zoo, police and animal control officers actually had to shoot one of the tigers with a tranquilizer gun as they could recover his remains.

"It was a horrible sight, that's for sure," said Cape Town, South Africa, zookeeper Jon Martin.

Police detective Harold Keener added: "I thought we were dealing with a very bizarre suicide at first but the evidence suggests that the victim was a karate fanatic who climbed the fence with the specific purpose of taking on the tigers.

"Unfortunately, the animals were too powerful. They literally ate the man alive."

Police have yet to identify the victim but the remains of his scalp and hand indicate

A police psychologist worked up a possible profile that portrayed the man as living in a fantasy world.

It further suggested that he attacked the tigers while pretending to be a karate hero like the legendary Bruce Lee.

"We might never know exactly what happened because the man broke into the zoo and scaled a fence to get into the tiger compound after the zoo had closed for the night," said Keener.

"I suspect that the tigers took care of the poor guy pretty quick but he didn't go down without a fight.

"After all, we found a tuft of tiger hair clenched in the palm of what was left of his hand."

Karate master William Kren said no martial arts expert in his right mind would take on four tigers.

"I don't care how good you are," he said. "Big cats are

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ARM-IN-ARM, Elizabeth and Johnny stroll through the park.

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# sweethearts meet by chance after 50 years — and tie the knot

WARTIME sweethearts Johnny and Elizabeth in a snapshot taken in England in 1942.

**Ending a half century of longing, parted wartime sweethearts Johnny Shavers and Elizabeth Flannigan finally tied the knot after fate brought them together again — at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier!**

Johnny was a freckle-faced boy of 19 when he met 16-year-old Elizabeth in a small English village near where he was stationed with the Army Air Corps during World War II.

To green-eyed, auburn-haired Elizabeth, Johnny was a dashing American knight in shinning armor, a handsome, devil-may-care "Yank" who fairly took her breath away. For Johnny, Elizabeth Flannigan was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen, the angel of his dreams.

The two fell head-over-heels in love!

Then came the fateful day in the summer of 1943 when Johnny's B-17 was shot down over France.

Other pilots reported on their return that Johnny's plane was seen streaming smoke and flames as it went down. They said no parachutes were seen. The crew was listed as missing, presumed dead.

"We weren't hit as bad as it must have looked," Johnny said. "Our pilot managed to get the plane under control and we crash-landed in a muddy field but were captured and spent the rest of the war as POW's.

"When France was liberated, I was sent to a hospital in England. I tried to find Elizabeth, but no one knew where she was. Eventually, I was shipped back to the States. By then I figured she had met someone else, maybe even got married. I didn't know."

But Elizabeth hadn't married. Johnny had been her one true love and for her there could never be another. Accepting that Johnny was dead, she had moved to Ireland to live with an aunt. For most of her life, she worked as a nurse in a Dublin hospital.

Johnny settled in the Midwest where he owned a trucking firm, got married and raised three children. Marilyn, his wife of almost 30 years, had died of cancer in 1988.

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Correspondent

LOVEBIRDS Johnny and Elizabeth will soon move to Ireland.

Virginia and the stage for a miracle was set.

"I was visiting my sister in Washington, D.C., and on the last day before I was to return to Ireland, I decided to go to Arlington National Cemetery to see the Tomb of the Unknowns," the 69-year-old bride explained.

"While I was there, I couldn't help but think it was Johnny they had put in the tomb. My Johnny, resting there in honored glory, known but to God — and to me."

And in an incredible twist of fate, 69-year-old Johnny Shavers, with nothing else to do that day, had decided to watch the

## There, standing beside her, was her long-lost Johnny!

unknown American warrior from World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era are enshrined.

"I was standing next to this very attractive lady and I noticed that tears were streaming from the most beautiful green eyes you'd want to see," he recalled.

"Her tears moved me deeply. I asked her why she was crying.

"She told me about the American soldier that she had loved and lost in England back in 1943. I told her that I, too, had loved and lost when I was stationed there.

"We just kinda looked at each other for a moment. Then I asked her name. When she told me, I began to tremble like a schoolboy. There she was, close enough to touch! My Elizabeth! I took her in my arms and kissed away her tears."

Johnny and Elizabeth were married six weeks later in the English village where they had

ELIZABETH was thinking of Johnny when she visited The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and that's where fate brought them together again.

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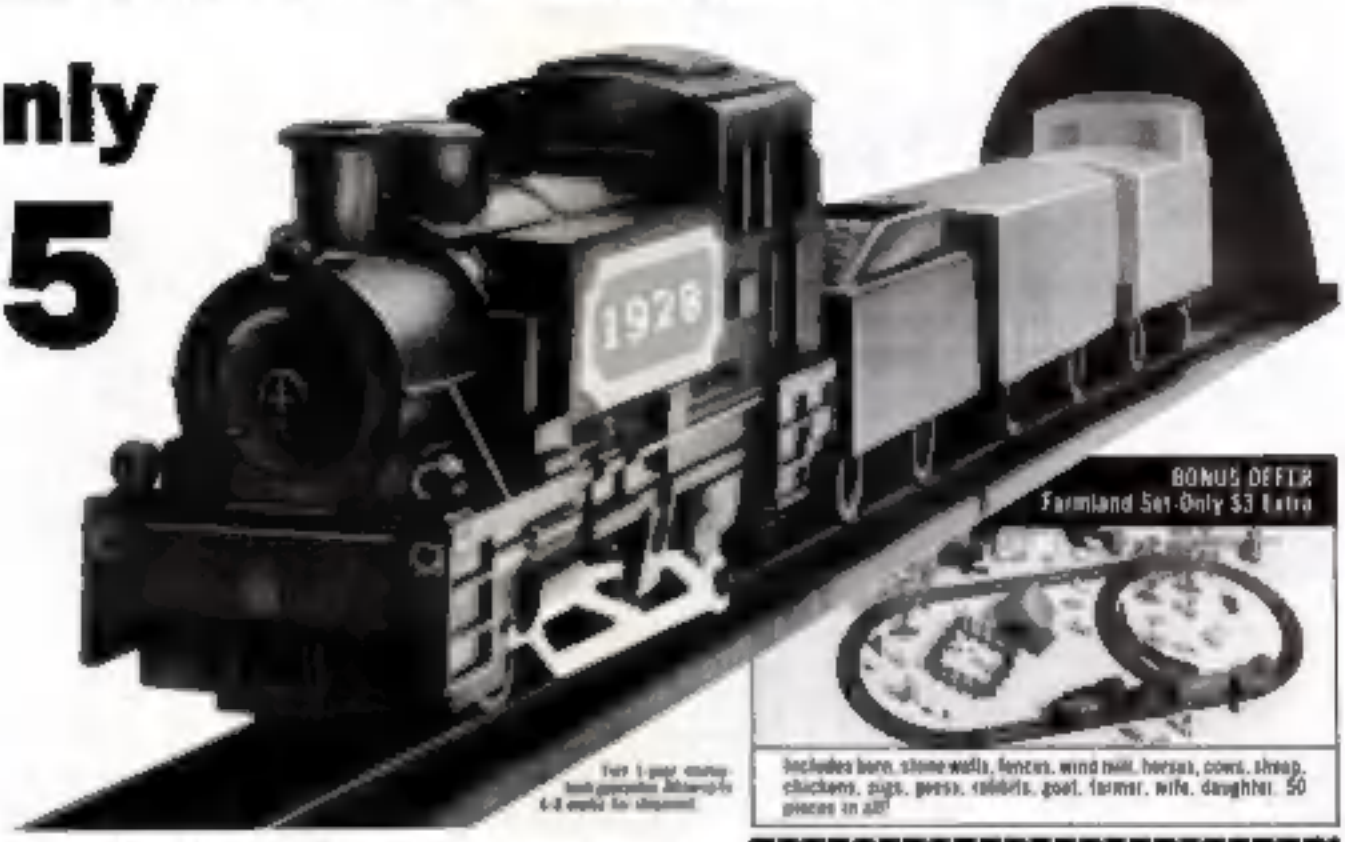


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